IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE SW/Cor. Eastern Boulevard and Stemmers Run Road (1551 Eastern Boulevard) 15th Election District

7th Council District

Al's Seafood Petitioner

- BEFORE THE
- ZONING COMMISSIONER
- OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
- Case No. 02-245-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the owner of the subject property, Al's Seafood, by Albert Strzegowski, Jr., Principal, through John B. Gontrum, Esquire. The Petitioner seeks relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) as follows: From Section 238.1 to permit a front yard setback of 0 feet from Eastern Boulevard and 9 feet, 8 inches from Stemmers Run Road, in lieu of the required 25 feet each; from Section 238.2 to permit a rear yard setback of 1 foot in lieu of the required 30 feet; and, from Section 409.8.A.6 to permit existing parking spaces to not be striped. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were Albert and Chad Strzegowski, proprietors of Al's Seafood, property owner, and John B. Gontrum, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioner. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is an elongated, triangular shaped parcel located on the southwest corner of Eastern Boulevard and Stemmers Run Road in Essex. The property is zoned B.R.-A.S. and is improved with a one-story restaurant building known as Al's Seafood. Apparently, the restaurant has operated at this location since 1974 and is a landmark in the Essex commercial corridor. The building has frontage on both Eastern Boulevard and Stemmers Run Road. As shown on the site plan, the front of the building is

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located 9' 8" from the right-of-way of Stemmers Run Road, and immediately abuts the right-of-way for Eastern Boulevard. The Petitioner proposes to construct a 427 sq.ft. addition to the rear/side of the building along Eastern Boulevard. Presently, that area is occupied by a "lean-to" structure, which has a covered roof but no walls. The Petitioner proposes enclosing this area to make same part of the interior space of the restaurant. The proposed addition will maintain a similar building line as the existing restaurant and will also have a 0-foot setback from Eastern Boulevard. However, in order to proceed, the requested variance from setback requirements is necessary to bring the building into compliance and legitimize existing conditions.

In this regard, Mr. Gontrum proffered that the building has existed at this location for many years. He indicated that prior to the restaurant use, the building was used as a service station and other retail uses. Improvements to Eastern Boulevard and Stemmers Run Road over the years have resulted in the acquisition of additional right-of-way by Baltimore County and the State Highway Administration (SHA). Thus, insufficient setbacks have resulted.

The third variance requested relates to parking. It is to be noted that parking for the restaurant is provided on a separate lot. As shown on the site plan, the rear of the building abuts the side of property owned by the Super Eight Motel. That is, the motel property separates the restaurant building and the parking lot that serves same. The site plan shows that there are 78 spaces provided. Although the lot is paved, it is not striped. Testimony and evidence was offered that the lot is never fully occupied and there are no parking deficiencies in the area. It was indicated that relief is requested to maintain the present arrangement, which apparently works well.

As noted above, no one appeared in opposition to the request. Moreover, there were no adverse comments submitted by any Baltimore County reviewing agency. To the contrary, a favorable comment was received from the Department of Economic Development. That comment indicates that the site is located within the Essex Commercial Revitalization District and suggested that the improvements be consistent with the commercial revitalization of this area.

Based upon the testimony and evidence offered, I am persuaded to grant the relief requested. I find that the Petitioner meets the requirements of Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. The

uniqueness of the property is its irregular shape and the ongoing definition of same as a result of the expansion of the abutting public roads. Moreover, the Petitioner would suffer a practical difficulty if relief were denied. It is also clear that relief can be granted without detrimental impact to surrounding properties.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth herein, the relief requested shall be granted.

1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If an appeal is filed and this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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Suite 405, County Courts Bldg. 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-4386 Fax: 410-887-3468

March 13, 2002

John B. Gontrum, Esquire Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin 814 Eastern Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21221

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE SW/Corner Eastern Boulevard & Stemmers Run Road (1551 Eastern Boulevard) 15th Election District – 5th Council District Al's Seafood - Petitioner Case No. 02-245-A

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Department of Permits and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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Mr. Albert Strzegowski, Al's Seafood, cc:

1551 Eastern Boulevard, Baltimore, Md. 21221

Department of Economic Development; People's Counsel; Case File



Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at	1551 EASTERN	BLVD.
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This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Beltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (Indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

We are pesently involved in the Streetscape program and, in working with the Baltimore Co. Architects on Call, have decided to improve the asthedics of our 1551 Eastern Blvd. property. The design improvements we have agreed on would restrict us to staying inside the existing front and rear set backs. Understand that current setback restrictions created after this properties development obligate us to request such a variece. The addition we would like to construct would as stated stay within the buildings existing set backs and would only extend the length of the building by Ffeet. (see drawing)

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to end are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.

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ATTACHMENT TO VARIANCE PETITION

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FROM SECTION 238.2 TO PERMIT A 1' REAR YARD SETBACK IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED 30'

FROM SECTION 409.8A.6 TO PERMIT EXISTING PARKING PLACES NOT BE STRIPED.

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ZONING DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point on the south west side of Back River Neck Road at the beginning of the second or south 68 degrees 56 minutes west 318.79 feet line of that parcel of land which by the Deed dated September 9, 1937 and recorded C.W.B. Jr. No. 1007, folio 502 thence binding on said line and reversly on the fourth line of that parcel W.P.C. No. 638, folio 5. south 68 degrees 56 minutes west 303 feet. More or less, to the southeast side of Eastern Ave. C.H.K. No. 1228, folio 127; thence north-easterly binding along the southeast side of said road 245 feet, more or less to intersect to intersect the third line of the parcel of land in deed from December 14, 1939 C.W.B Jr. No. 1089, folio 100; north 68 degrees 56 minutes east binding along said line 35 feet, more or less, to intersect the southern most side of Eastern Avenue, south 22 degrees 11 minutes east binding on the southwest side of Back River Neck Road 27 feet, more or less to the place of the beginning.

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Hearing: Monday, February 25, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 407, County Courts Building; 401 Bosley Avenue.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDJ
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NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for
special accommodations Please Contact the Zoning Commissioner's Office at (410) 887-4386.
(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing.
Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391.

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published

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LEGAL ADVERTISING

RE Case No 02-245-A

Petitioner/Developer ALS SEAFOOD, ETK-40 RGM - JOHN GONTRUN

Date of Hearing/Closing 2/25/02

Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Attention: Ms. Gwendolyn Stephens & GEORGE ZAHNER

Ladies and Gentlemen

This letter is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at #1551 EASTERN BUND .

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PATRICK M. O'KEEFE

(Printed Name)

523 PENNY LANE

(Address)

HUNT VALLEY, MD. 21030

(City, State, Zip Code)

410-666:5366; CELL-410-905-8571 (Telephone Number)

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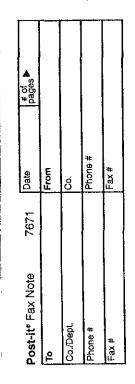
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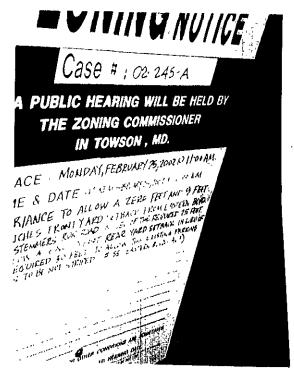
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Attention: Ms. Gwendolyn Stephens / MR. GEORGE ZAHNER

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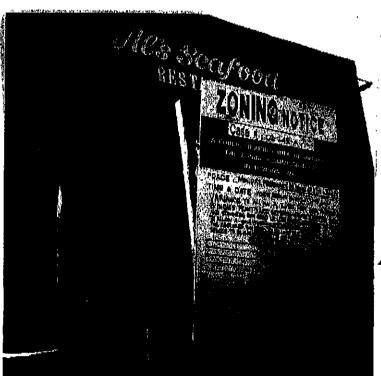
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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

ZONING REVIEW

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

For Newspaper Advertising:
Item Number or Case Number: 02-245-A
Petitioner: Albert STRZEGOWSKI JR.
Address or Location: 1551 Eastern Blvd.
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: John B. Gontrum, ESQ.
Address: Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin'
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Telephone Number: 410 686-8274

TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

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Please forward billing to:

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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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SQ/corner Eastern Boulevard & Stemmers Run Road
15th Election District – 7th Councilmanic District
Legal Owner: Al Strzegowski

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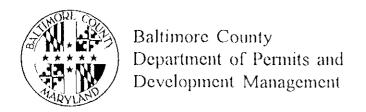
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LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT GOZ ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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(2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.



Director's Office County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-3353

Fax: 410-887-5708

January 29, 2002

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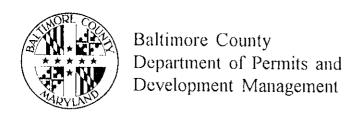
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C: John B Gontrum, Romadka Gontrum & McLaughlin, 814 Eastern Boulevard, Baltimore 21221

Albert Strzegowski Jr, Al's Seafood, 1551 Eastern Boulevard, Baltimore 21221

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2002.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE, FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 pdmlandacq@co.ba.md.us

February 22, 2002

John B Gontrum Romadka Gontrum & McLaughlin 814 Eastern Boulevard Baltimore MD 21221

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

RE: Case Number: 02-245-A, 1551 Eastern Boulevard

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on December 10, 2001.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

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W. Carl Richards, Jr. GDZ Supervisor, Zoning

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Enclosures

c: Albert Strzegowski Jr, Al's Seafood, 1551 Eastern Boulevard, Baltimore 21221 People's Counsel

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: February 7, 2002

Department of Permits & Development Mgmt.

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For January 22, 2002

Item Nos. 241, 242, 243, 244(245) 247, 248, 249, 250, 253, 254, 255,

256, 257, 258, 259, and 260

FEB 2 7 at

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning items, and we have no comments.

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cc: File



Office of the Fire Marshal 700 East Joppa Road Towson, Maryland 21286-5500 410-887-4880

January 23, 2002

Department of Permits and
Development Management (PDM)
County Office Building, Room 111
Mail Stop #1105
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

ATTENTION: Gwen Stephens

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF January 14 2002

Item No.: See Below

Dear Ms. Stephens:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:

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REVIEWER: LIEUTENANT JIM MEZICK, Fire Marshal's Office PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

cc: File

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

TO:

Arnold Jablon

FROM:

Todd Taylor

DATE:

February 13, 2002

SUBJECT:

NO COMMENTS FOR ZONING ITEMS:

78, 243, 244, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 254, 257, 259

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of January 14, 2002

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Department of Permits and

Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

DATE: January 29, 2002

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SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Petition(s): Case(s) 02-245 & 02-246

The Office of Planning has reviewed the above referenced case(s) and has no comments to offer. For further questions or additional information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Mark A. Cunningham in the Office of Planning at 410-887-3480.

Prepared by: March C

Section Chief:

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Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams

Administrator

1.18.02 Date:

Mr. George Zahner Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

Baltimore County

Item No. 245 335

Dear Mr. Zahner:

We have reviewed the referenced item and have no objection to approval, as a field inspection reveals that the existing entrance(s) on to MD/U8 150. are acceptable to the State Highway Administration (SHA) and this development is not affected by any SHA projects.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Larry Gredlein at 410-545-5606 or by E-mail at (lgredlein@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

Kenneth A. McDonald Jr., Chief Engineering Access Permits Division

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE 1551 Eastern Boulevard, SW cor Eastern Blvd & Stemmers Run Rd 15th Election District, 7th Councilmanic

Legal Owner: Al's Seafood Petitioner(s)

- BEFORE THE
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- * FOR
- * BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No. 02-245-A

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order. All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent/documentation filed in the case.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO

Deputy People's Counsel Old Courthouse, Room 47

400 Washington Avenue

Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 23rd day of January, 2002 a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to John B. Gontrum, Esq., Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin, 814 Eastern Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21221, attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter May him

Baltimore County Government Department of Economic Development





400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-8000 Fax (410) 887-8017

MEMORANDUM

To.

Zoning Commissioner

Zoning Commissioner's Office

FFR 2 1 2002

From: Andrea Van Arsdale

Commercial Revitalization Director

Date: February 20, 2002

Variance – Al's Seafood Restaurant (Case Number: 02-245-A) Re-

The Department of Economic Development supports the requested variance submitted by Mr. Al Strzegowski, owner of Al's Seafood Restaurant. Mr. Strzegowski is requesting a zoning variance in connection with the expansion of his restaurant located at 1551 Eastern Boulevard. Specifically, Mr. Strzegowski is requesting a variance to allow a 0' and 9' 8 front yard setback from Eastern Boulevard and Stemmers Run Road in lieu of the required 25', and a 1' rear yard setback in lieu of the required 30'

The subject property is located in the Essex Commercial Revitalization District. This project would further the County's goal of revitalizing older commercial areas. Our office has been assisting Mr. Strzegowski for over a year with his efforts to expand Al's Seafood Restaurant, Mr. Strzegowski has even participated in the Department's Architect-On-Call program. Our office is pleased with the final renderings produced by the architect. The proposed improvements would greatly enhance the visual appeal of Mr. Strzegowski's building, which serves as a gateway entrance into Middlesex. Also, these improvements would follow the Southeast Revitalization Plan's recommendation for a special effort to improve the appearance and economic viability of the small businesses along Eastern Boulevard. Furthermore, Mr. Strzegowski's private investment ties into the public investment in the Waterview residential/commercial project, the Eastern Boulevard Streetscape, and the redevelopment of the Tall Trees apartment complex into a park. By permitting the variance, the community and the County will realize a variety of benefits, including:

- strengthening the economic base of the community;
- improving the physical appearance of an important commercial area; and
- generating new income and property tax revenue for the County.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at extension 2055.

cc: Mr. John Gontrum

Mr. Peirce Macgill, Commercial Revitalization Specialist

